

Weekly Status & Information Report: June 18 - 22, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of June 25, 2012:

- The City Council will not meet again until July 9.
- Arts and Humanities Commission meeting, Tuesday, June 26, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Board of Elections meeting, Thursday, June 28, 8 p.m. at Washington Adventist University, Wilkinson Hall, 7600 Flower Avenue (call 301-891-7267 to confirm the location)

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (City Clerk)

2. Ward 5 Special Election: - Planning for the Ward 5 Special Election continues. The deadline for candidates to petition to have their name placed on the ballot is Wednesday, June 27. See

<http://takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/election/2012-ward5/candidates/index.html> for information about running for office. Absentee ballot applications are now being accepted. Information for voters is available at

<http://takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/election/2012-ward5/index.html>. (City Clerk)

3. "Play Date Concert with Mr. Gabe - Saturday, June 23: "We are Takoma" celebrates the release of popular children's performer Mr. Gabe's new CD "Play Date" this Saturday afternoon. Join us for an hour of mostly original songs, classic nursery rhymes, folk songs, and modern favorites for children, ages zero to six. Saturday, June 23 at 4 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium (7500 Maple Avenue). Suggested donation - \$6. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

<http://www.facebook.com/events>. (Housing and Community Development)

4. Long Branch Sector Plan Community Meeting - Monday, June 25: Montgomery County planners are inking a plan for the Long Branch area that includes the northern tip of Takoma Park. The plan considers ways to improve connections for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists, bring a mix of homes, offices, retail and entertainment uses, and upgrade public spaces like parks and streetfronts. Join planners at a community meeting to learn more and provide feedback on preliminary recommendations for the Long Branch Sector Plan. Monday, June 25, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Rolling Terrace Elementary School, 705 Bayfield Street, Takoma Park. For more information, see www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/longbranch/. (Housing and Community Development)

5. Program Cancellation: Circle Time is CANCELLED for this coming Tuesday, June 26. It will resume on Tues. July 3. (Library)

6. Y.E.S. League Divisions are Middle School, High School, Young Adult: Sign up today for the Y.E.S. Basketball League. This season is sure to be full of great competition and fun. Deadline for registration is June 29, 2012 or sooner. (Each division has a set capacity; once a division is full, registration for that division will close prior to the June 29 deadline. For more information, please visit: http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/documents/yes_league.pdf. (Recreation)

7. Scribblers' Cabal: Join us on Saturday, June 30, for Scribblers' Cabal - Informal drawing with Dave Burbank. Call the Library for further information. (Library)

8. Save the Date for Ward 1 Night - July 9: Join the City Council and your neighbors in Ward 1 for a reception in the Atrium Lobby on Monday, July 9, 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Following the reception, the first part of the City Council meeting will be dedicated to hearing from residents of Ward 1. Contact Jessie Carpenter at 301-891-7267 or JessieC@takomagov.org for additional information. The final Ward Night of the year (Ward 2) is scheduled for Monday, July 23. (City Clerk)

9. Solar Power: The Public Works Director participated in an International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Webinar about bringing solar to small communities. Ms. Braithwaite discussed the City's experience providing solar power to the Community Center and Public Works facility through a Power Purchase Agreement. (Public Works)

10. Grand Opening of 8435 Piney Branch Road: On Thursday, there was a formal ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new commercial building at 8435 Piney Branch Road, attended by Mayor Williams, Councilmember Seamens, and HCD staff. Redevelopment of the property has taken several years and included \$100,000.00 of State grant funds for exterior site improvements. The new building and transformed corner property creates a welcoming gateway into Takoma Park, adding commercial space and new business to the Takoma-Long Branch area. (Housing and Community Development)

11. Proposed Zoning Text Amendment - Permitting of Accessory Apartments: HCD staff provided testimony before the Montgomery County Planning Board on Thursday, June 21. The City Council's Resolution encouraging the Planning Board to transmit the proposed ZTA revising the requirements for the permitting of Accessory Apartments to County Council was presented and included in the testimony. Information on the proposed ZTA can be found at http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda/2012/documents/20120621_ZTAaccessoryapartmentstaffreport_000.pdf (Housing and Community Development)

12. Softball Semi-Final Games Completed – Championship Game Set - AXB Dog Grooming vs. Free Agents: This past Sunday, five teams took to the field to pursue a title; we knew it wouldn't be easy. Out of these great games two new teams emerged! The Takoma Park Recreation Department is pleased to announce that AXB Dog Grooming will be playing the Free Agents on Sunday, July 1, and competing for the title of Adult Co-ed Softball 2012 League Champions! (Recreation)

13. Camp Takoma - Tents Up!: This past week over 50 boys and girls participated in week 1 of Camp Takoma. On Monday, campers were able to take part in team building activities such as tent building and making fishing rods from scratch. On Tuesday, campers visited Sligo Creek Park where they gathered worms for their rods and had lots of fun fishing. On Wednesday, the camp traveled to the Martin Luther King Jr. Swimming Pool for a splashing good time. Thursday was full of indoor activities such as crafts, board games and hiking around the Community Center. On the final day of camp (Friday), campers were able to make s'mores and enjoy the art of camping with old camp stories. There are still a few spaces left for the remaining weeks but hurry as they won't last long. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

14. Camp Recess Gets Off to a Good Start!: Camp Recess began at Takoma Park Recreation Center on Monday, June 18th. The camp was sold out and parents as well as campers were excited about another summer of games and activities led by Camp Director Sandra Boone. During the first week, the campers went swimming, had arts and crafts projects and played various games based on the camp week theme of "All Ball Week." The week will end with our weekly cook-out sponsored by the Capitol Community Soccer Association. Everyone is excited about the Camp Recess program and looks forward to fun each and every week. (Recreation)

15. T-Ball – Great Start to the Program: Last weekend, 130 T-ball players took to the fields around Takoma Park for the first week of the 2012 T-ball League. Volunteer coaches and parents led the games that focused on participation and fun. Game schedules are posted online <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/flyers/tball-2012-schedule.pdf>. (Recreation)

16. Seniors Program Partnership and Education: Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, attended two Montgomery County seniors partnership/education events this week. Thursday, June 21: the annual Bone Builders Volunteers and Partners meeting and luncheon in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Friday, June 22: Programmers Enriching Adult Communities (PEAC) quarterly meeting held at the Rockville Senior Center in Rockville, Maryland. Both meetings were important networking and educational opportunities for the Takoma Park Seniors Program. (Recreation)

17. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (January 13-19, 2012) may be viewed online at: http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/06/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_21.html. (Police)

18. Traffic Officer Status Report:

State Citations issued: 29

Safety Equipment Repair Orders issued: 1

Warnings issued: 13

Calls for service: 11

Reports written: 3

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs) written/conducted: 2

Training time: 4 hours

(Police)